

# What's Happening on the East Shore?



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## Agenda

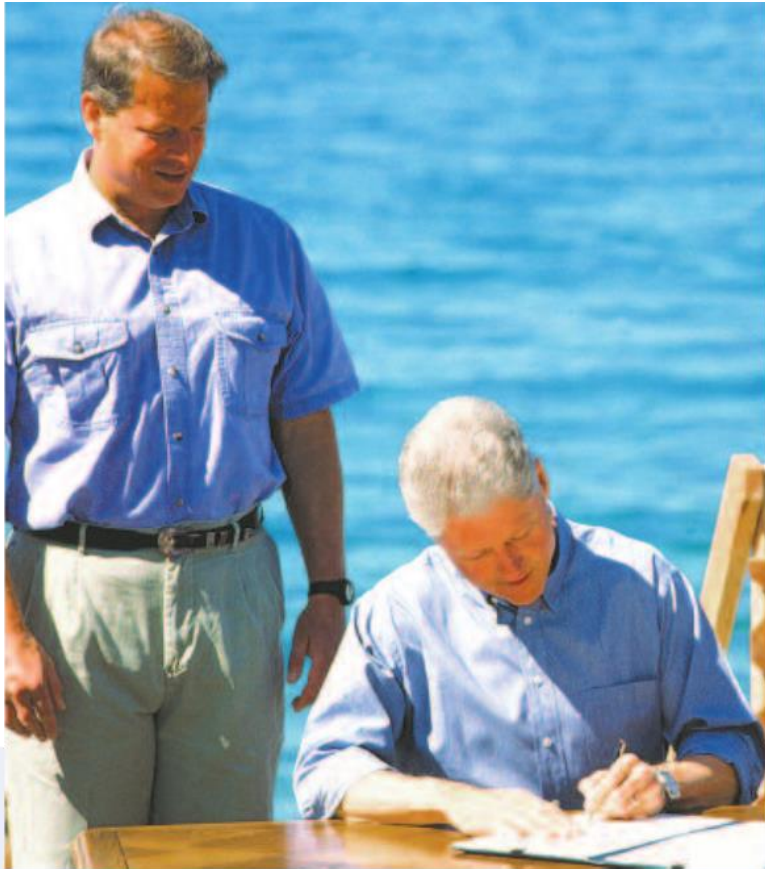
- Overview of the EIP
- Forest Health projects
- Next steps for Spooner and Sand Harbor
- SR 28 Corridor Plan
- Marlette Creek Restoration
- Invasive Species Monitoring
- Lake Tahoe License Plates



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# EIP History



We have a shared responsibility to build on our commitment at all levels to be sure the Lake and its environs are protected.

President Bill Clinton, Lake Tahoe Presidential Forum, July 26, 1997



## FEDERAL AGENCIES



Army Corps of Engineers  
 Bureau of Land Management  
 Bureau of Reclamation  
 Federal Highway Administration  
 Federal Transit Administration  
 Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)  
 USDA Forest Service  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 U.S. Geological Survey  
 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## STATES OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA



CAL FIRE  
 California Air Resources Board  
 California Conservation Corps  
 California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 California Department of Water Resources  
 California Environmental Protection Agency  
 California Natural Resources Agency  
 California State Lands Commission  
 California State Parks  
 California Tahoe Conservancy  
 California Water Quality Control Board-  
 Lahontan Region  
 California Wildlife Conservation Board  
 Caltrans  
 UC Davis/Tahoe Environmental Research Center



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 Nevada Tahoe Resource Team  
 • Nevada Division of Forestry  
 • Nevada Division of State Parks  
 • Nevada Department of Wildlife  
 Nevada Department of Transportation  
 Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
 Nevada Public Utilities Commission  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
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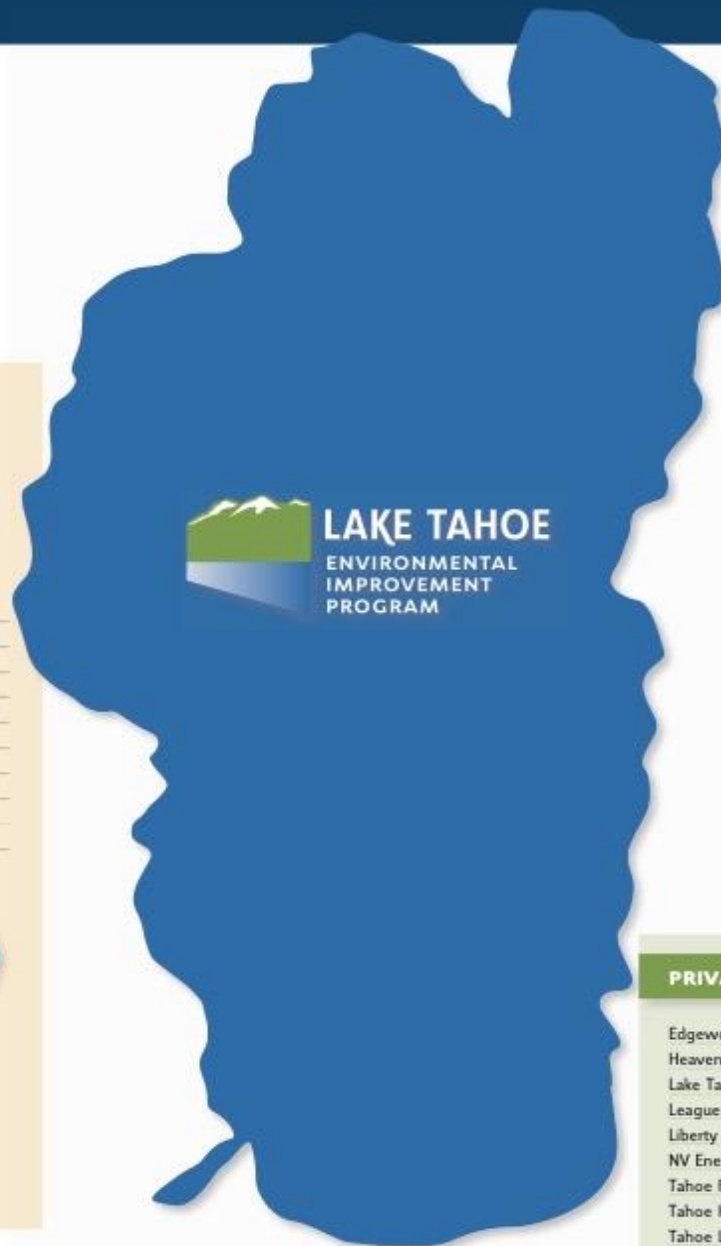
## REGIONAL AGENCIES



# PARTNERSHIPS MAKE THE EIP POSSIBLE



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## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS/ORGANIZATIONS



Carson City  
 Carson City Fire Department  
 Cave Rock Estates General Improvement District  
 City of South Lake Tahoe  
 Douglas County  
 El Dorado County  
 Fallen Leaf Fire Department  
 Incline Village General Improvement District  
 Kingsbury General Improvement District  
 Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce  
 Lake Valley Fire Protection District  
 Lakeridge General Improvement District  
 Meeks Bay Fire Protection District  
 Nevada Tahoe Conservation District  
 North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District  
 North Lake Tahoe Resort Association  
 North Tahoe Fire Protection District  
 North Tahoe Public Utility District  
 Placer County  
 Round Hill General Improvement District  
 South Tahoe Public Utility District  
 Sugar Pine Foundation  
 Tahoe Institute for Natural Science  
 Tahoe Rim Trail Association  
 Tahoe Science Advisory Council  
 Tahoe City Public Utility District  
 Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District  
 Tahoe Resource Conservation District  
 Town of Truckee  
 Washoe County  
 Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

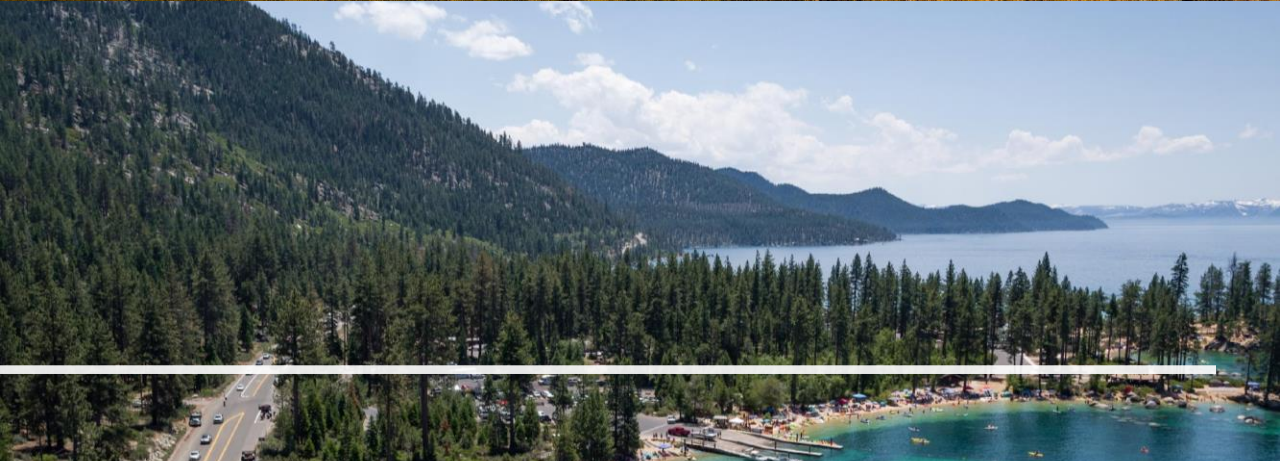
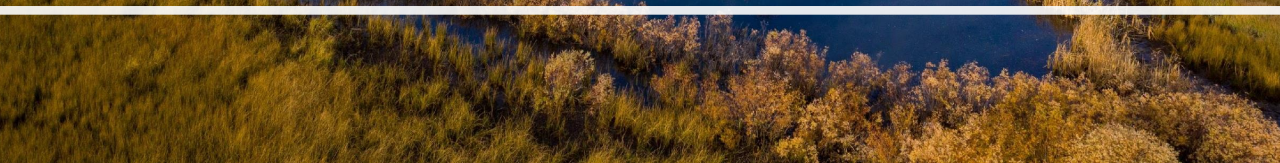
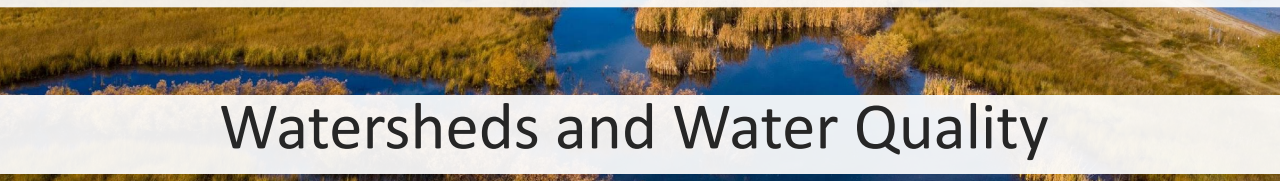
## PRIVATE ENTITIES

Edgewood Companies  
 Heavenly Mountain Resort  
 Lake Tahoe Marina Association  
 League To Save Lake Tahoe  
 Liberty Utilities  
 NV Energy  
 Tahoe Fund  
 Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association  
 Tahoe Lakefront Owners' Association  
 Tahoe Partnership

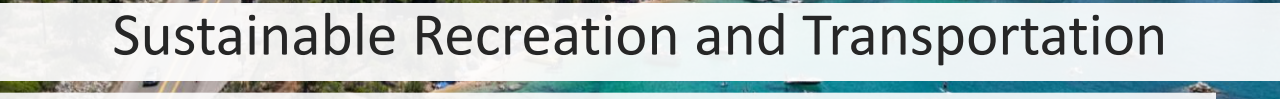




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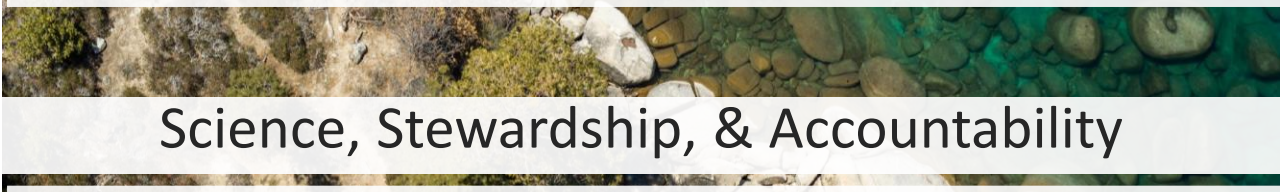
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Forest Health



Science, Stewardship, & Accountability







# FUNDING






## EIP INVESTMENT BY FUNDING SECTOR

Time Period to View

All Years (1997 - 2021)

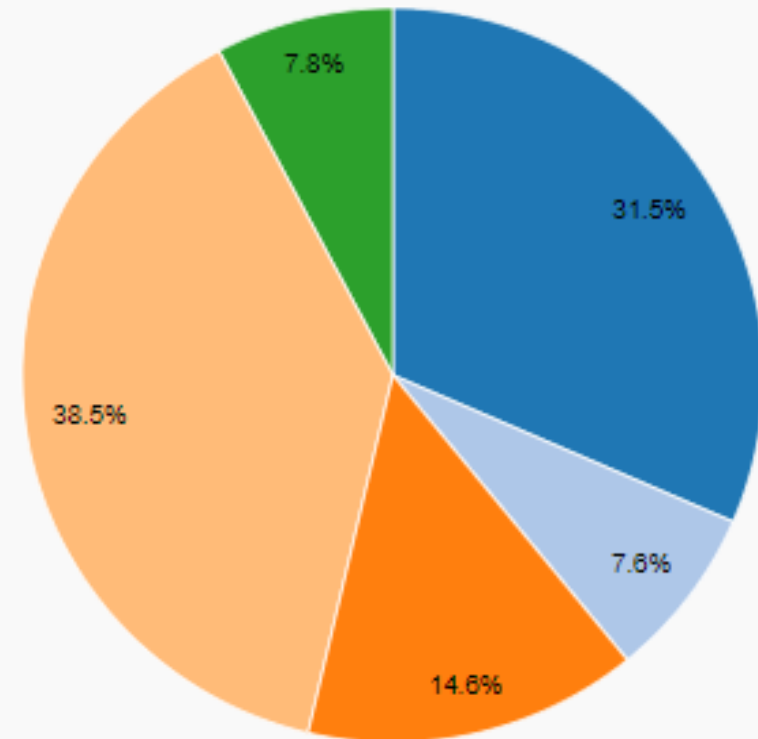


Select a sector to view the projects funded by that sector

Funding Sector	# of Funding Sources	# of Funding Organizations	\$ in All Years (1997 - 2021)
 Federal	51	15	\$828,878,350
 Local	38	22	\$199,136,628
 Private	34	31	\$382,985,640
 State California	46	18	\$1,013,256,193
 State Nevada	16	9	\$204,508,073
Total	185	95	\$2,628,764,884

*The EIP completed 763 projects within the selected time period. This includes projects in Complete and Post-Implementation stages.*

Investment by Funding Sector for: All Years (1997 - 2021)







# Economic Analysis

## EIP ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

In 2020, EIP partners completed an analysis to quantify the impact of the EIP on the region's economy.



### ECONOMIC FINDINGS

**\$2.6** billion

in EIP direct investment  
since 1997

**\$5.2** billion

in total economic output  
to the region since 1997

The EIP supports  
an average of

**1,700** jobs

a year.

**\$1** million in EIP

spending generates

**\$1.6** million

in total economic output.





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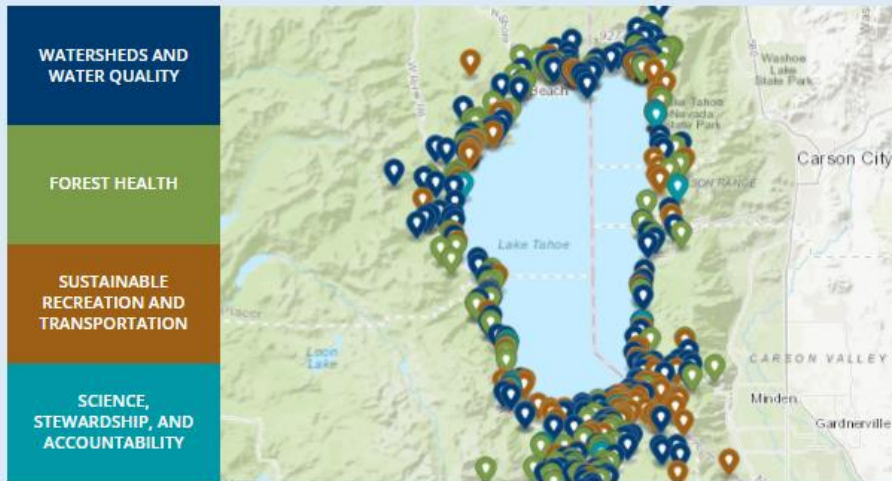
# Tracking and Accountability



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[Eip.laketahoeinfo.org](http://Eip.laketahoeinfo.org)

## EIP OVERVIEW | BASIN-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS



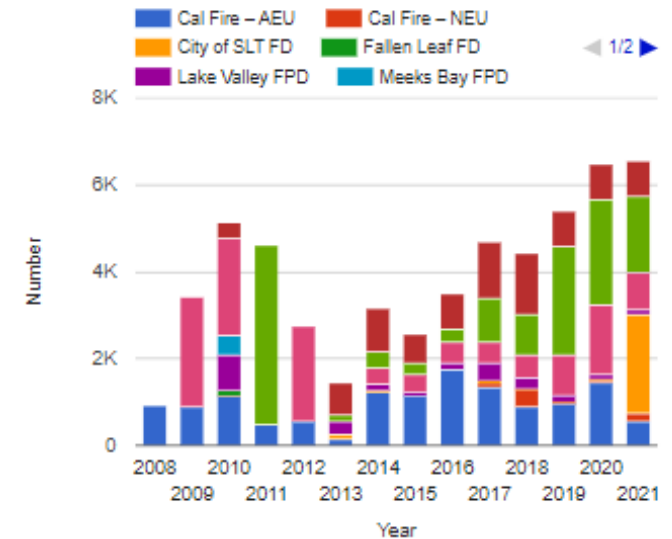
**750**  
projects completed

**2.6B**  
dollars invested

### Parcels Inspected for Defensible Space

By: Parcel Fire District or  
Department

Options



EIP PROJECT  
TRACKER



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MONITORING  
DASHBOARD



PARCEL  
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SUSTAINABILITY  
DASHBOARD



THRESHOLD  
DASHBOARD



TRANSPORTATION  
TRACKER





# Forest Health

## Another Lake-Saving Project



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**Tahoe Pines Campground**  
Restoration & Public Access Project

### Funding & Project Partners



Another project to improve California water quality and supply.  
Funded by Proposition 51, The Water Bond Act of 2005.  
Habitat Conservation Fund and the Lake Tahoe Conservancy Account.  
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources Agency  
Carm Newman, Governor

[restoretahoe.org](http://restoretahoe.org)

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# Forest Health Initiatives

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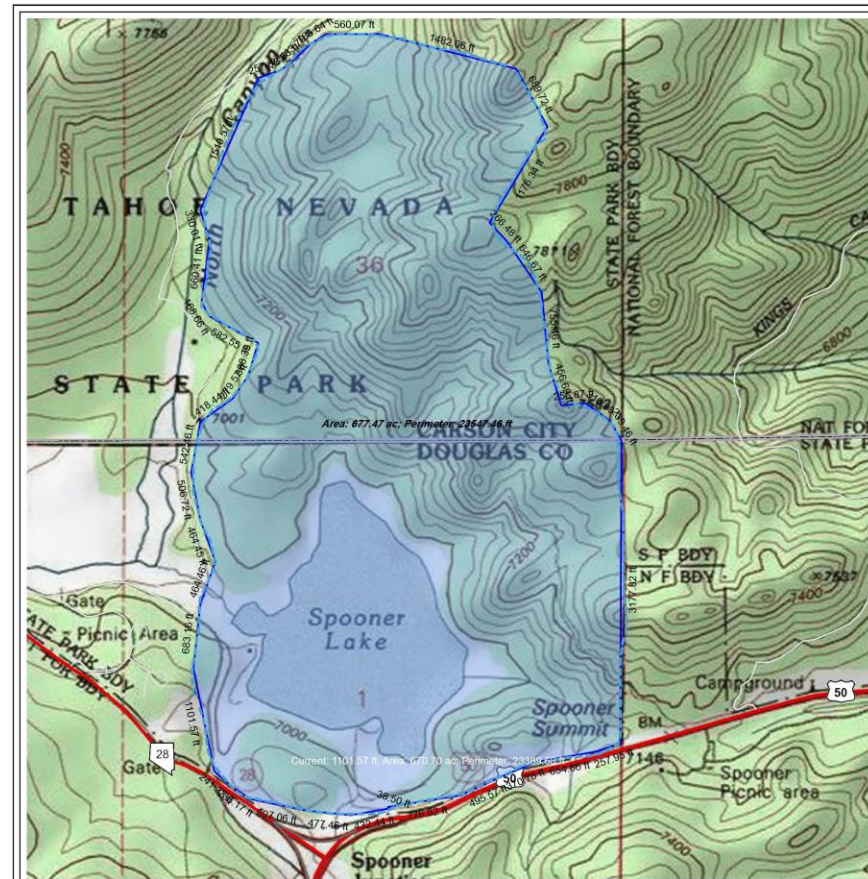
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# Spooner Landscape Restoration Project

Timeline:

- Helicopter logging – 2018
- Hand thinning and piling – 2019
- Pile burning – 2021 & 2022
- Hand thinning and piling – 2022
- Pile burning – 2022 & 2023



State of Nevada  
Division of State Lands

**Spooner LR Project**

0 0.6 Miles



## Legend

County Boundaries

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# Spooner Landscape Restoration Project

## 2022 Accomplishments (so far)

150 acres treated  
1350 piles burned

## 2022 Activities (moving forward)

Spooner Lake forest health

Aspen restoration

North Canyon Rd. fuel break







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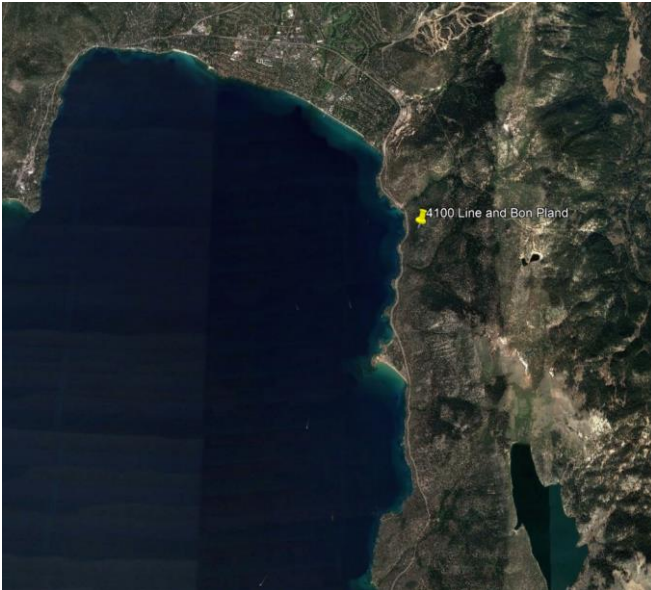
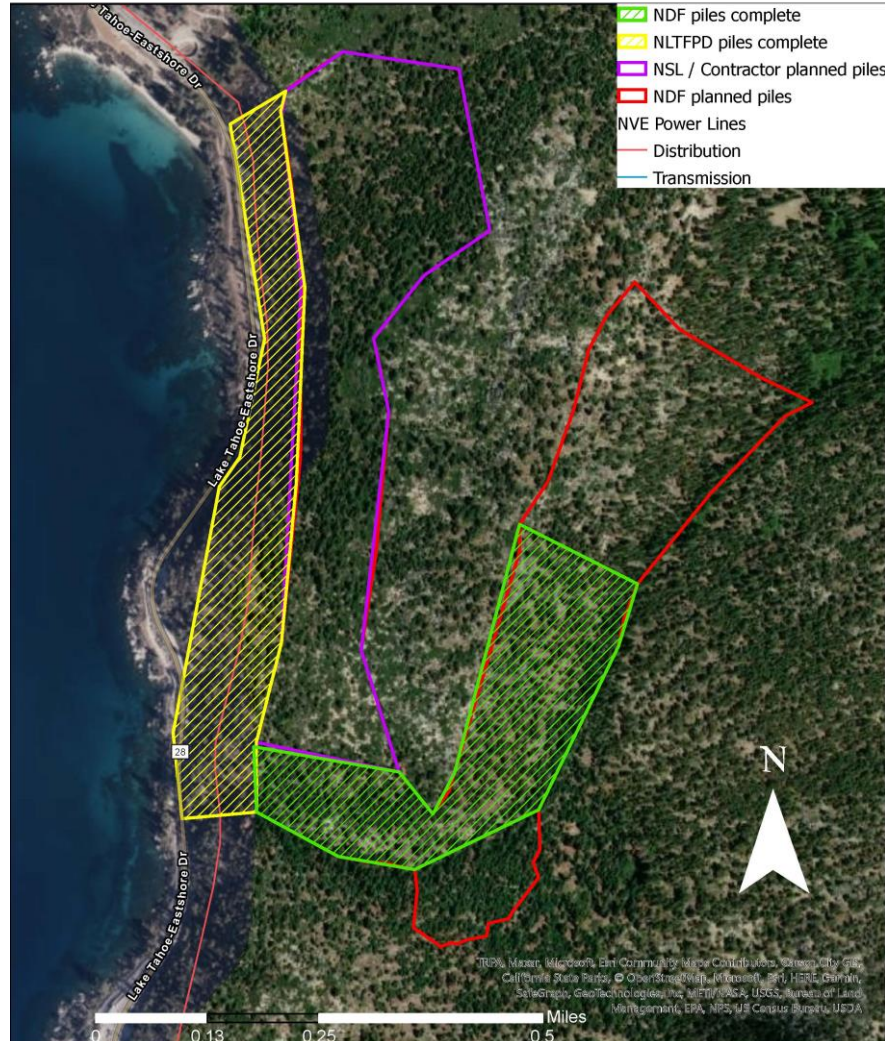


## NVE 4100 Line & Bon Pland Projects

Timeline:

Hand thinning and piling – 2020-2022  
Pile burning – 2022-2023

### 4100 Line - fuel break collaboration







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[tahoelivingwithfire.com](http://tahoelivingwithfire.com)

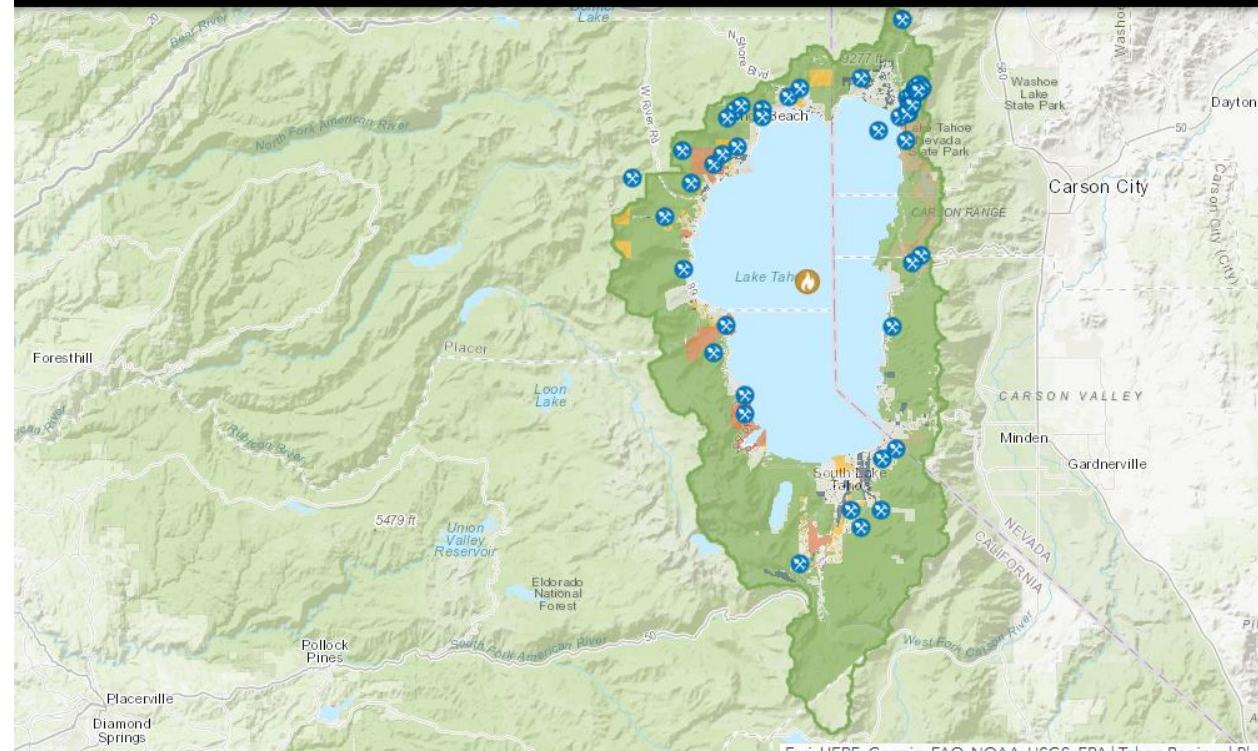
[tahoelivingwithfire.com/get-informed/](http://tahoelivingwithfire.com/get-informed/)  
(prescribed fire map)

[alertwildfire.org](http://alertwildfire.org)  
(smoke cameras)



### Lake Tahoe Basin Prescribed Fire and Project Map

Use the map below to learn about prescribed fires and projects currently managed by TFFT partners at Lake Tahoe.







# Sustainable Recreation and Transportation

## Another Lake-Saving Project



State Route 28 Shared Use Path  
Safety and Stormwater Enhancements

### Funding & Project Partners



### Design & Construction



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# SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND TOURISM

## *SPOONER FRONTCOUNTRY IMPROVEMENTS*

- Project Need / Early Planning
- 2021 Work Completed / 2022 Work Underway
- Tahoe East Shore Trail Connection
- Park Closures and Future Work





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TRAILHEAD FACILITY/RESTROOMS PERSPECTIVE



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WARD  
YOUNG  
DESIGNWORKSHOP  
SEPTEMBER 2018





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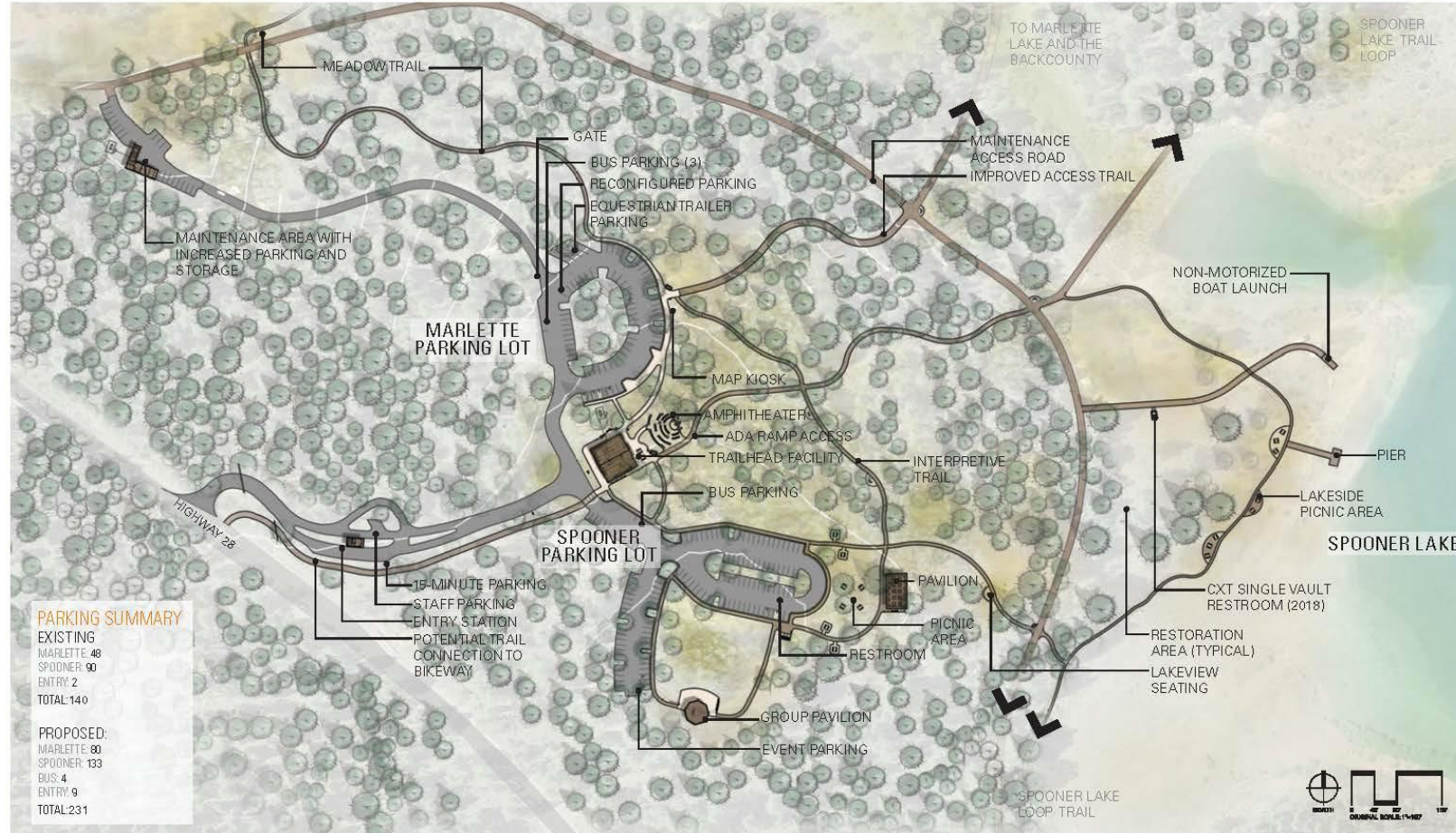
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### PREFERRED CONCEPT







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# SUSTAINABLE RECREATION AND TOURISM

## *SAND HARBOR VISION PLAN*

- Vision Plan Concept - Holistic View of Facilities
- Review of Existing Facilities / Conceptual Options
- Tahoe East Shore Trail Coordinated Strategy
- Public Outreach





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# Sustainable Recreation and Transportation



SR 28 Corridor Management Plan &  
Tahoe East Shore Trail





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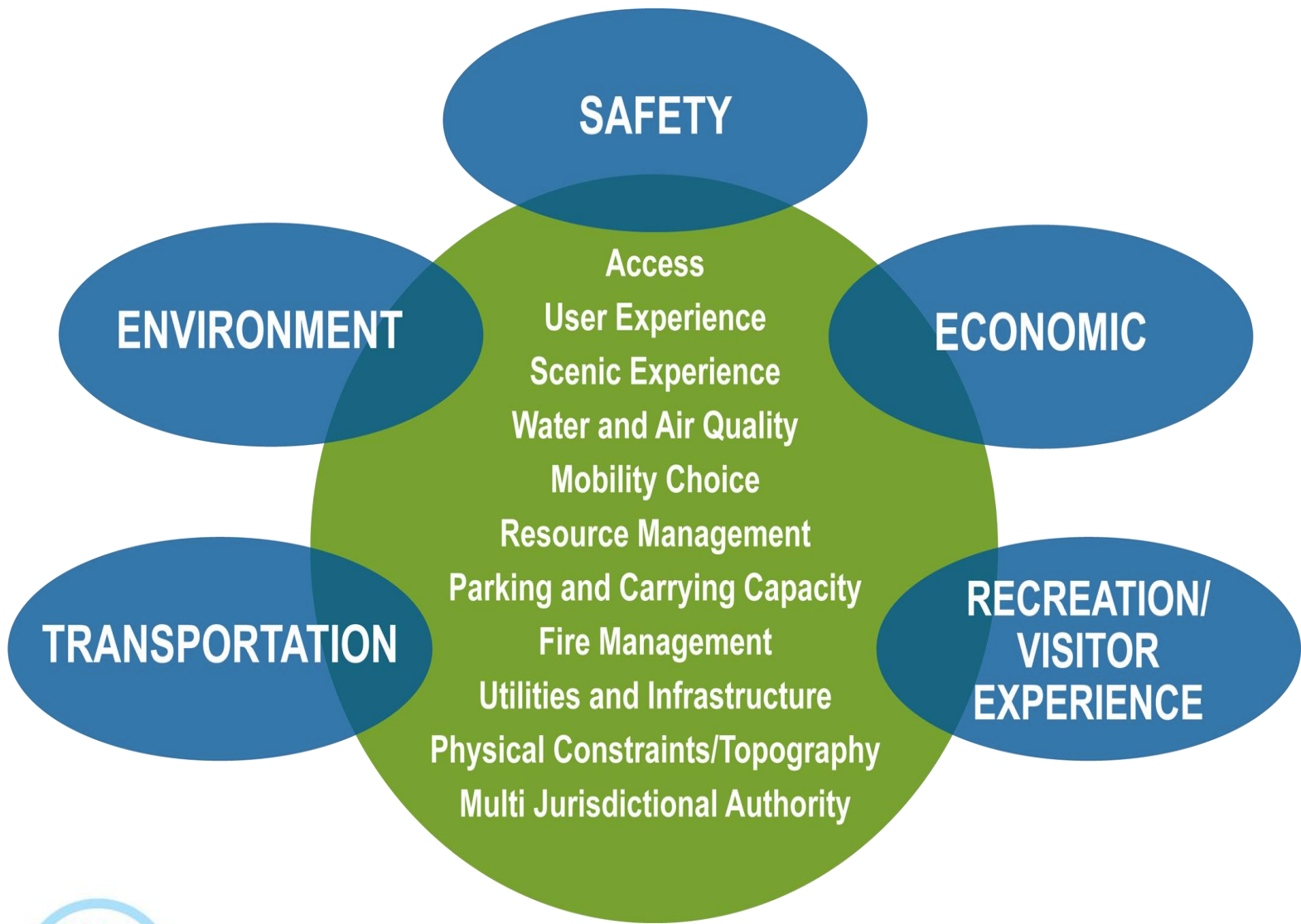


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**Corridor Management Plan Partners**









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# Challenges



Safety issues and “social trails” result from **2,500 people/ day** shoulder-parking on 28.

**170%**

**growth in parked  
vehicles between  
2000 and 2011**



Congestion  
hinders emergency  
vehicle access.







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## Recommendations



Bikeway provides  
safe access with  
connectivity to  
parking and trails



emergency pullouts  
plus 11 viewpoints



East Shore Express  
Transit to manage peak  
demand access and  
ensure a quality user  
experience.







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## Incline to Sand Harbor -3 miles of shared use path completed



- Opened June 2019
- ~200,000 users
  - 27% to shoreline
  - 15% back country
  - 53% walking/biking trail
  - 5% bike shop/restaurant
- Demand-based parking management
  - License plate and credit card required
  - “Come Early Come Late and Pay a Lower Rate”
  - Fees help to operate and maintain the trail and parking
  - Increased carpooling at peak times







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## 40,000 Riders on Tahoe East Shore Express

- Began service in 2012 as envisioned in the SR 28 Corridor Management Plan
  - Shared vision of 13 partner agencies of the CMP to intercept vehicles at each end of SR28 Corridor and shift demand to transit
- Developed multiple supporting documents to evaluate the potential locations. A permanent location to be assessed in 22/23
  - 2012 East Shore Express Strategy Plan
  - 2012 East Shore Express Pilot Transit Plan
  - 2012 SR 28 East Shore Demonstration Transit Shuttle Concept Development/Feasibility Study
- Operating mid-June to Labor Day weekend
  - Intercept average of 2,102 vehicles
  - Reduction of 557.28 VMT
  - Congestion and safety benefits by removing conflicts
  - No loading/unloading/Uber/Lift drop offs at Hidden Beach





# Corridor Team Adaptive Management

- Applied “Bus Only” red lanes to alert motorists no parking, stopping, or unloading in the Hidden Beach area to mitigate unsafe turn movements and congestion
- Have increased trash and restroom servicing from March to November
- Developing coordinated event management policies
- Increased signage on litter management
- Bike/pedestrian safety improvements
- Additional weed abatement





## SR 28 Corridor Management Plan

<https://www.tahoetransportation.org/projects/sr28-national-scenic-byway/>

## East Shore Express

<https://www.tahoetransportation.org/routes/28/>

<https://www.facebook.com/EastShoreExpress>

## Park Tahoe

<https://www.tahoetransportation.org/parking/>

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# Watersheds and Water Quality

## Another Lake-Saving Project



## Upper Truckee River Marsh Restoration Project

### Funding & Project Partners



Another project to improve California watersheds, unincorporated, trails, and water quality funded by Propositions 1, 2, 40, 50, 65, 66, and 72.

Wade Crowell, Secretary for Natural Resources Agency  
Cathy Nielsen, Governor



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# Marlette Creek Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Project

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## Goal

To improve stream function, water quality, and fish habitat and provide erosion control and stormwater treatment.

## Objectives

1. Capture and treat SR28 stormwater runoff prior to entering Marlette Creek by installing treatment at each stormwater outfall.
2. Stabilize the bed of the South Fork of Marlette Creek using natural materials.
3. Provide fish passage at the SR 28 culvert.
4. Stabilize SR 28 shoulders, road embankments, and dirt parking areas that are directly connected to Marlette Creek.





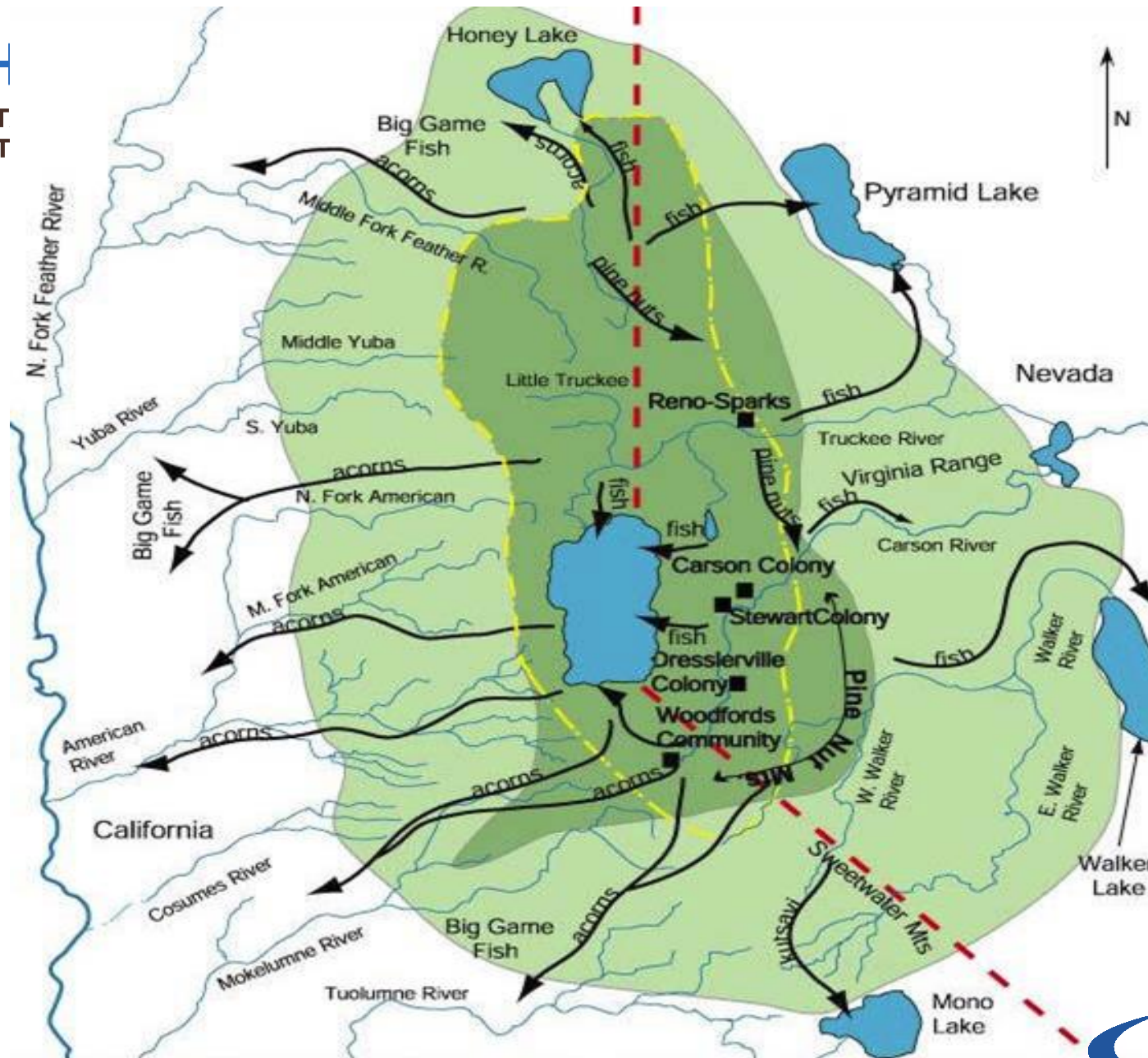


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“Where fish  
come out”

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## BACKGROUND

- 562 acre watershed
- Heavily used historically
- Marlette Lake constructed in 1873 impounds water
- Multiple earthen dams removed upstream from SR28
- Upstream reach of South Marlette Creek restored by USFS in 2003
- Marlette Lake Dam upgrades planned for 2023





## ISSUES

- Bed erosion and disconnection from floodplain on S. Marlette Creek
- Road embankment erosion
- Fish passage
  - Inside culvert
  - End of culvert
- Untreated road runoff







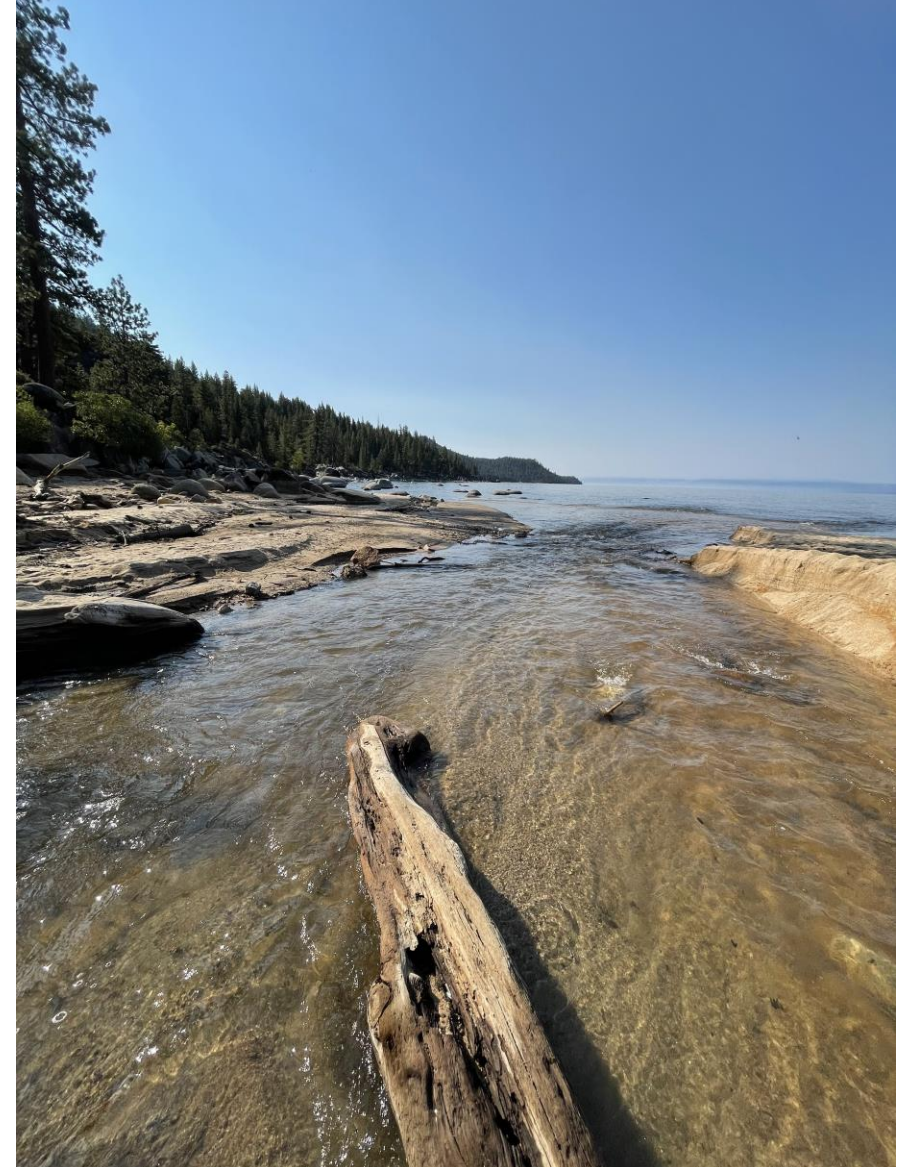
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## SCHEDULE

- Summer 2022 – NDOT Stormwater Improvements  
<https://inclinehighways.com/>
- Summer 2023 – Marlette Dam Repair and S. Fork Marlette Restoration
- Summer 2024 – Marlette Creek Main Stem Restoration upstream and downstream of SR28





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# Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control

- Spooner Summit Permanent Watercraft  
Inspection Station
- Sand Harbor Asian Clam Treatments and  
Monitoring

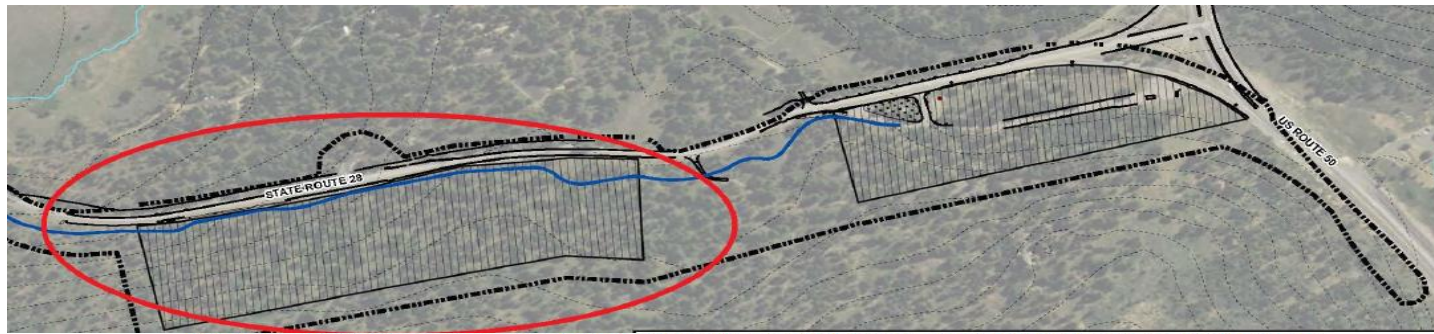
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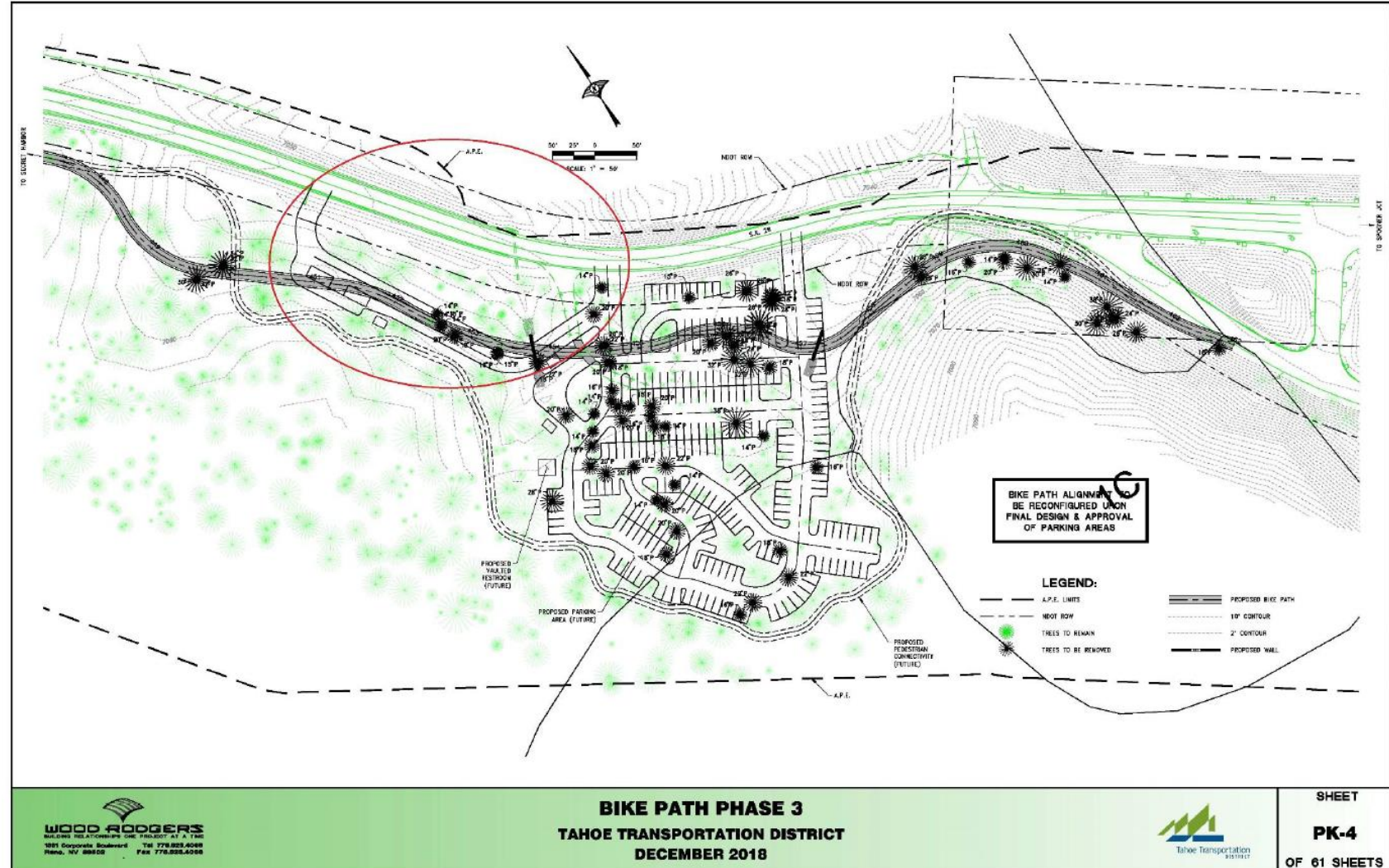
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AIS Inspection Station location identified in the Environmental Assessment / 30% Design Plans, circled in red:

# Spooner Summit AIS Inspection Station







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# Sand Harbor Asian Clam Control







# Sand Harbor Asian Clam Control

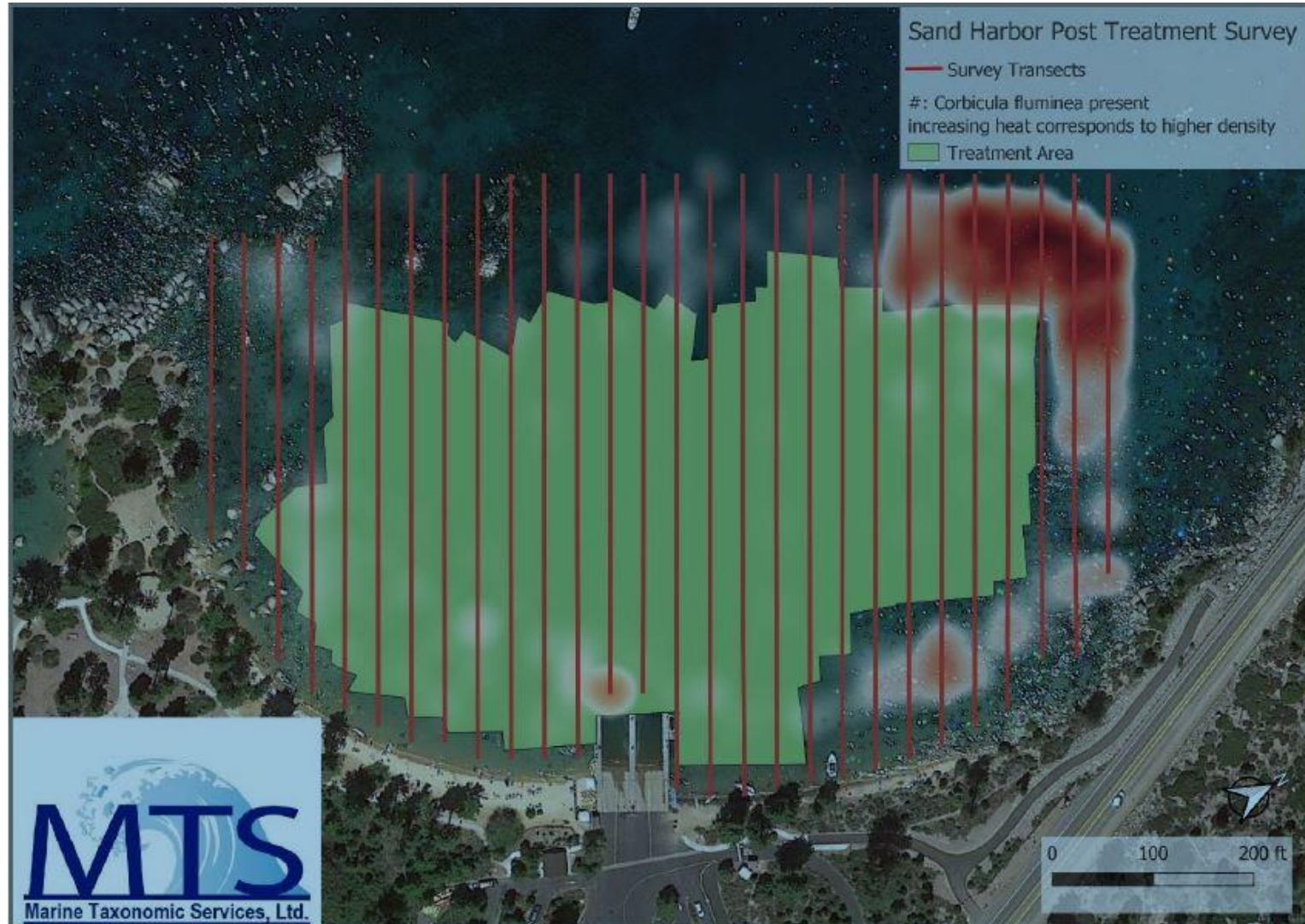


Figure 1. Live *Corbicula fluminea* density distribution. Note clam density highest along the northern edge of the treatment site.





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# Sand Harbor Asian Clam Monitoring

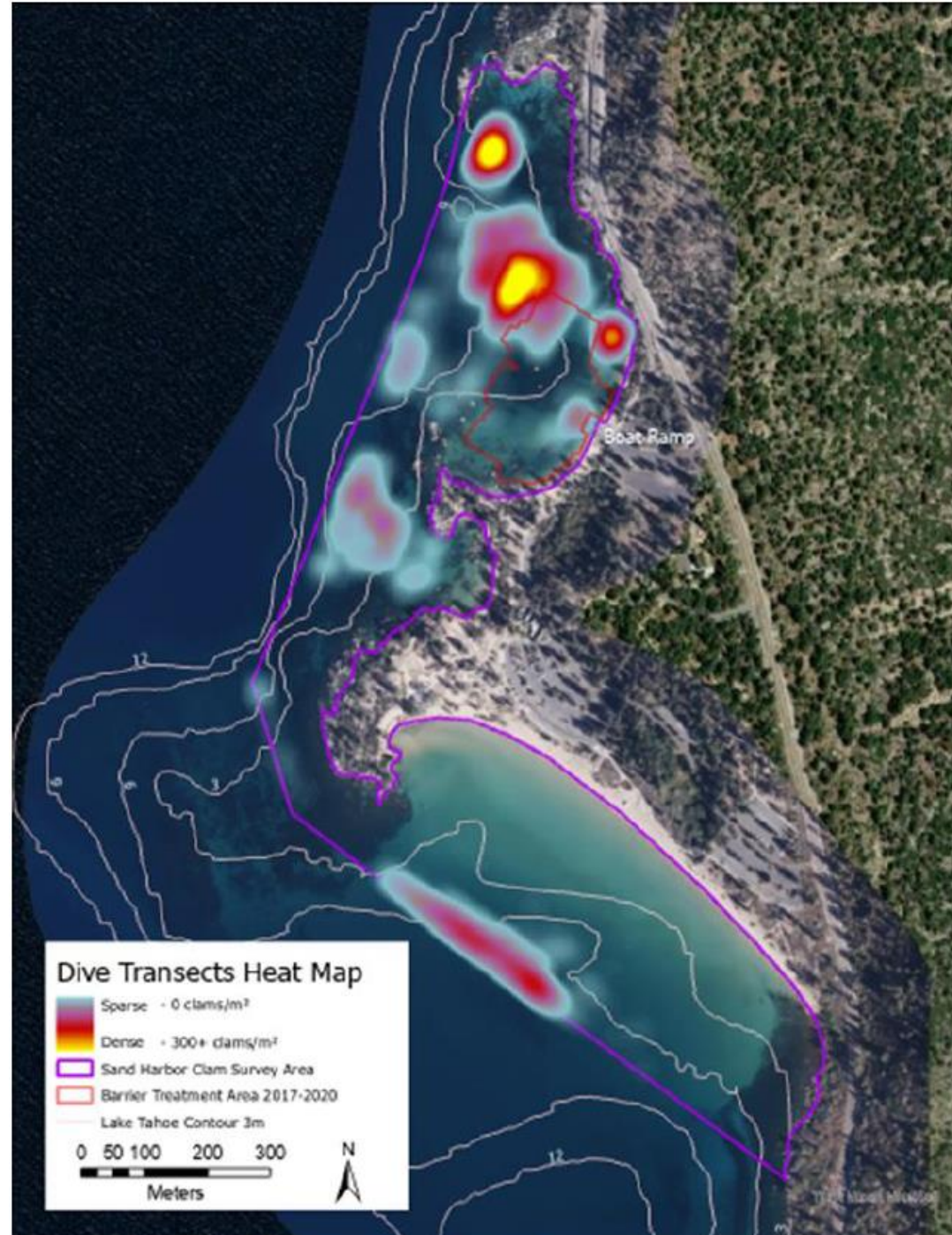


Figure 2: Dive transects clam abundance heat map.





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# Thank you!

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## Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control

- Spooner Summit Permanent Watercraft Inspection Station
- Sand Harbor Asian Clam Treatments and Monitoring





# Science, Stewardship, & Accountability

## Another Lake-Saving Project



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**Taylor Tallac**  
Aquatic Invasive Species  
Restoration Project

Funding & Project Partners



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# Nevada Lake Tahoe License Plate Program

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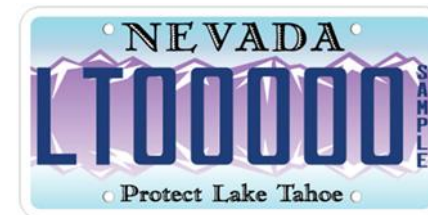


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- How it works
- Purchase a Lake Tahoe License Plate from the Nevada DMV at:  
[dmv.nv.com/platescharitable.htm](https://dmv.nv.com/platescharitable.htm)
- \$11 million through sales and renewal fees
- Funded over 175 preservation and restoration projects







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## Types of projects include:

- Implementation
- Monitoring
- Research and Science
- Education and Community Outreach

Before and after stream restoration and fish habitat improvements at Incline and Third Creek.







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# Implementation

## Projects in the State Parks

- Interpretive elements for the new Visitor Center and amphitheater at Spooner Lake.
- ADA accessible overlooks and access points on the beach at Sand Harbor.







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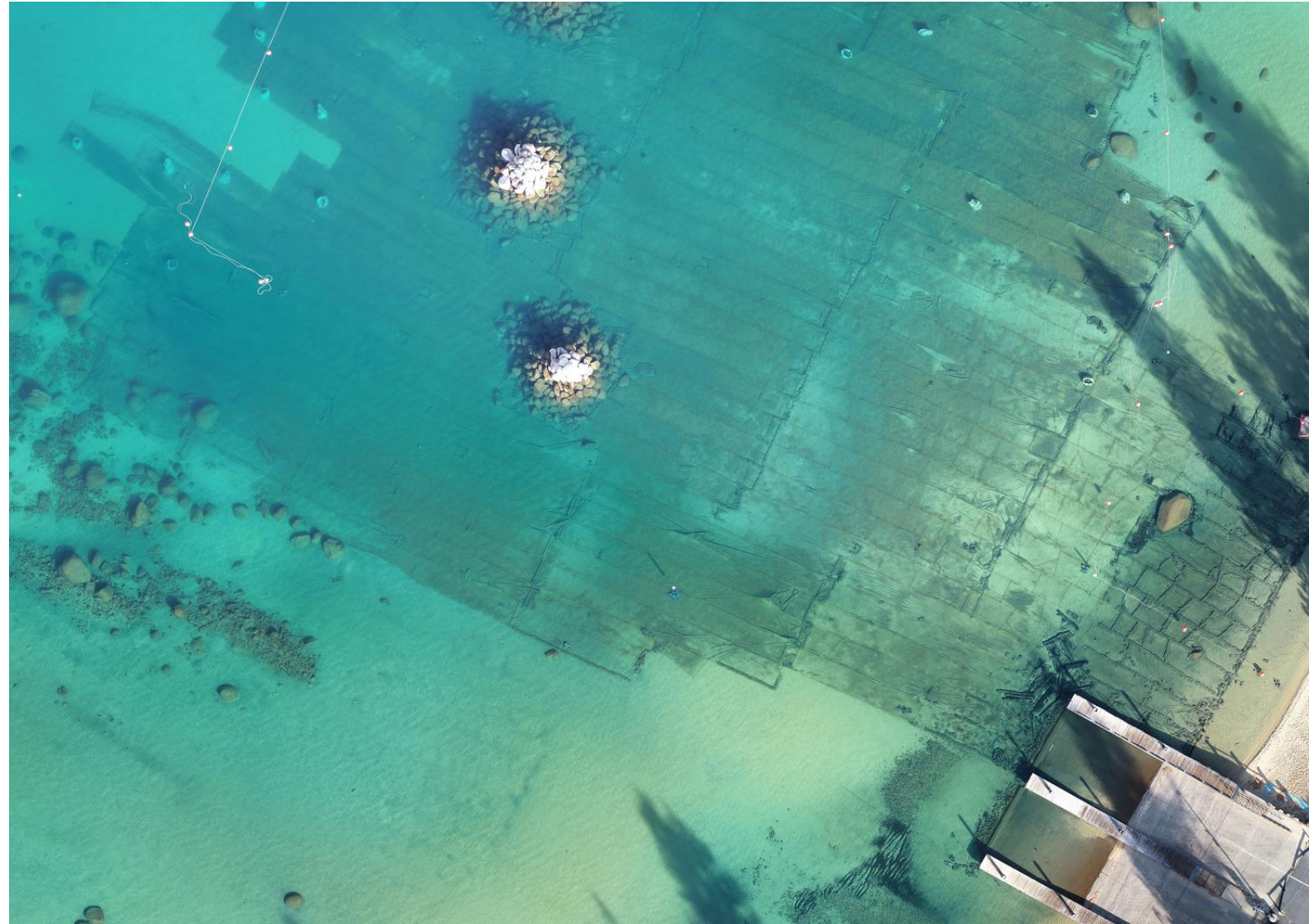


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# Monitoring

Aquatic Invasive Species removal projects

- Monitoring with university scientists to study Asian clam populations.
- Control methods including bottom barriers at Sand Harbor to deplete dissolved oxygen that Asian clams need.







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# Research and Science

Research on issues affecting lake clarity and forest health

- University of Nevada, Reno to study the long-term dynamics of aspen stands in the basin.
- Desert Research Institute to assess recent and historical changes in pollutant levels in the lake.







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## Education and Community Outreach

Projects that enhance knowledge  
and foster environmental  
stewardship

- Hands-on K-12 activities, live animal displays, and historic collections through the Museum of Natural History at UNR
- Sign panels and stands for sites along the Lake Tahoe Water Trail to promote safety and share information







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## 2022 Awards

- Underwater litter “hot spot” cleanup
- Marlette virtual nature trail
- Tourism stewardship roadmap
- Lake clarity and algae monitoring
- Tahoe Rim Trail visitor use monitoring
- Rare and sensitive plant monitoring and protection



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